

Kosovo Conflict

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What was happening in this country?

Due to the multiple border changes throughout history.

In the late 90s tension rose as the leader (Slobodan Milosevic) victimised the local Albanians.

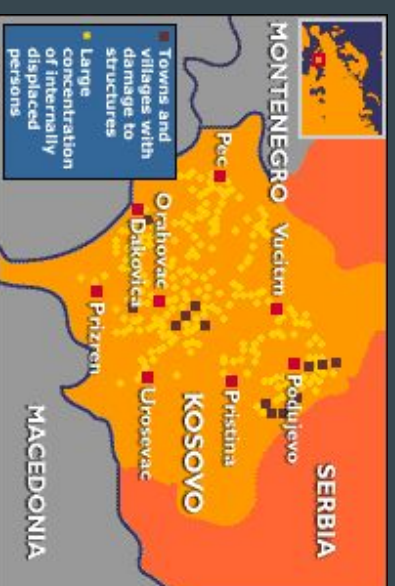
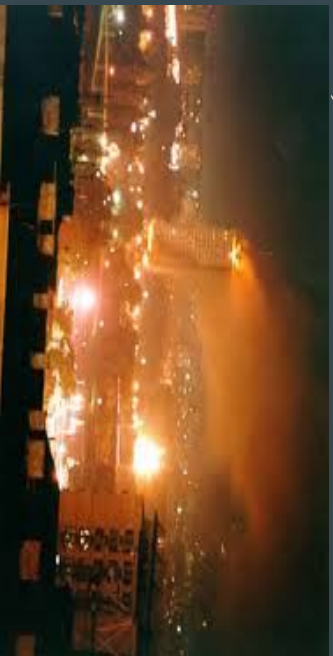
As the increase of Albanians reached 90 percent in the South, the Serbians believed they were being pushed out of their country. In response the Serbian led government employed more Serbians in officer uniforms.



Why was military intervention called for?

In 1997 a large part of Serbia's population protested to take Milosevic out of power. He responded to this by increasing his grip on the country. Political assassinations became the a frequent occurrence. He brutalized the Albanian ethnic group. This led to formation of the KLA (Kosovan Liberation Army) by the Albanians.

When the KLA used any type of violence against the Serbian Government, Milosevic would react with extreme irrational acts of brutality. When the KLA killed a Serbian police officer, Milosevic killed 58 men.



Did the US intervene?

The US was appalled by the crimes Milosevic was perpetrating on the Albanian population. As a result they demanded removal of Serbian troops, equal treatment to all ethnic groups, and allow U.N. peacekeepers. If these were not met the US would start bombing Serbia.

Milosevic did not agree to these terms, so the US bombed Serbia in the March of 1999.



What happened as a result of the intervention

Milosevic immediately rounded up the Albanian population and separated them into two separate groups. Women and children were grouped together and sent to the border. The men were rounded up in large groups and shot. They were then set ablaze.

